

## RITA'S EGGPLANT CASSEROLE

(from Jim Zumbo's "Amazing Venison Recipes")

1½ lb. ground venison 1 c. chopped onions 1 clove garlic, minced 3 Tbs. olive oil

1 c. Marinara Sauce 1 c. water <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> c. dry red wine 1 ½ tsp. basil leaf,

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½ tsp. oregano leaf, crumbled
1 medium eggplant, peeled & sliced (1 lb.)
½ c. olive oil
½ c. grated Parmesan cheese
1 lb. mozzarella cheese, thickly sliced



Brown venison with onion & garlic in 3 Tbs. olive oil in a large skillet. Add Marinara Sauce, water, wine, basil & oregano. Cover and simmer 2 minutes.

Saute a half pound of eggplant slices in ¼ c. of olive oil until limp and golden. Add remaining oil and saute the remaining half pound of eggplant.

When all the eggplant is browned, place in a shallow baking dish. Spoon meat sauce over eggplant and sprinkle evenly with Parmesan cheese. Top with sliced mozzarella. Bake at 350E for 20 to 30 minutes. Serves 6.